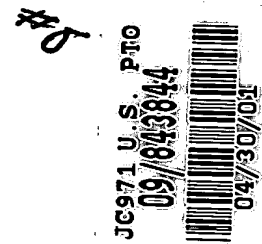


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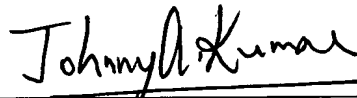
Document A4 discloses a method for correcting the color determined of a pixel of interest by referring to the colors of the neighboring pixels, if the pixel of interest is near the edge.

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Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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